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MAPLE KNOLL AMENDMENT PASSES CITY COUNCIL
New Greenhouse to Allow Agricultural Learning Opportunities

Westfield, IN – On Monday evening, Westfield's city council unanimously approved an amendment that would allow Maple Glen Elementary to construct an outdoor classroom/greenhouse.

"We're very excited to see this project move forward," Mayor Andy Cook said. "This unique learning environment will help Westfield students gain knowledge while contributing to the community through their work."

"Maple Glen Elementary could not be more thrilled and excited regarding the immense generosity of The Estridge Family and The Gapinski family of Heartland Growers. This donation and construction of a world class outdoor classroom and greenhouse will be enjoyed and utilized by students of Westfield for the next 40-50 years," explains Maple Glen Elementary Principal, Dr. Joe Montalone. "The experiences that our students will receive from this venture go well beyond the anticipated curriculum and instruction at a typical school. This dives into the deep waters of a civic partnership and teaches the art of giving to help ones fellow neighbor."

Heartland Growers donated a greenhouse that measures 20 ft. by 30 ft. along with the necessary equipment and the Estridge Family is donating the 20 ft. by 40 ft. outdoor classroom.

The students from Maple Glen will utilize the area to grow and study crops, which will then be donated to local charities, such as Open Doors.

Construction will begin spring of 2016.

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